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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**ENERGY DIVISION**  
**Item #9 I. D. # 2901**  
**RESOLUTION E-3855**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 2003**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

Resolution E-3855 Southern California Edison Company requests approval of amendments under its Tariff Rule 2, Added Facilities in order to serve its customer, Universal Studios. Approved.

By Advice Letter 1751-E filed on October 9, 2003.

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**SUMMARY**

Southern California Edison Company requests approval of two special Added Facilities Agreements between it and Universal Studios.

This resolution approves the Agreements effective today.

**BACKGROUND**

SCE filed Advice Letter 1751-E requesting the following changes to its tariff schedules:

- (1) A special Added Facilities Agreement-SCE Financed between SCE and its customer, Universal that is a deviation from SCE's filed Form 16-308, Added Facilities Agreement – SCE Financed;
- (2) A special Added Facilities Agreement-Applicant Financed between SCE and Universal that is a deviation from SCE's filed Form 16-309, Added Facilities Agreement – Applicant Financed; and
- (3) The modification of SCE's List of Contracts and Deviations to reflect these necessary contract deviations.

SCE requests that the Commission expedite the review process and shorten the notice period for this advice letter so that a resolution approving this request is issued on or before October 30, 2003 in order to complete the added facilities work and deliver electric service to Universal by the targeted December start

date.

Universal operates, among other things, a theme park within SCE's service territory. Universal is in the process of building a new attraction called the "Mummy." The Mummy attraction has a unique electric load pattern that fluctuates greatly due to the design characteristics of the attraction. This load fluctuation could cause voltage fluctuation or other interference for other customers in the vicinity of the Mummy that are connected to SCE's electrical distribution system.

As provided under section E of Rule 2, Interference With Service, it is Universal's responsibility to provide the corrective measures necessary to eliminate the potential for such interference. Universal has requested that SCE, in lieu of Universal, provide the facilities needed to correct for any voltage fluctuation caused by the Mummy. SCE has chosen to use an oversized transformer as the means to address the problem. SCE has a transformer within its Universal City substation that is otherwise underutilized and located close to the Mummy and thus will accommodate the added load and is available for use to correct for any voltage fluctuations resulting from the operation of the Mummy.

Universal City substation contains two separate transformers (the "North Unit" and "South Unit" respectively). The current underutilization of the North Unit allows SCE to allocate a portion of the North Unit as an added facility under SCE's Rule 2, Added Facilities to serve Universal's Mummy load. In order to provide service to Universal without creating any adverse impact on any other customers served by the Universal City substation, SCE has designed the system to essentially isolate the North Unit that will serve Universal from the South Unit that will serve the existing SCE customers. By so isolating the transformers, there will be no detrimental voltage fluctuations or other interference to other customers caused by the Mummy attraction under ordinary operations.

The proposed deviations to the standard filed form added facilities agreements are necessary to accommodate any circumstances in which SCE would be required to serve its other customers from a single transformer due to a problem or other system requirement that could require the South Unit to be taken off-line. Under such circumstances, the unique load pattern of the Mummy equipment could cause voltage fluctuation or other interference to these other customers. Accordingly, SCE and Universal have agreed to a modification from the standard added facilities agreements that would require Universal under such circumstances to cease all operations of the Mummy equipment or take

other corrective action which would be satisfactory, in SCE's sole opinion, until such time as the voltage fluctuation or interference no longer exists. Thus, this deviation is only for the unusual instance in which both transformers are not available, requiring Universal to take the Mummy equipment off line or otherwise mitigate voltage fluctuation or interference problems.

SCE believes it is reasonable to seek approval from the Commission of the special added facilities agreements between SCE and Universal that are deviations from SCE's filed Form 16-308 and 16-309 agreements in order to ensure that SCE can deliver electric service to Universal without causing any detrimental voltage fluctuation or interference to other SCE customers in the absence of the deviations requested herein. SCE also requests Commission authorization to modify SCE's List of Contracts and Deviations to reflect these necessary special added facilities agreements as contract deviations. Because of important scheduling concerns associated with Universal's new attraction, SCE is asking for a shortened protest period from 20 days to 10 days in order to deliver electric service to the Mummy in December 2003. In a letter dated October 30, 2003, SCE withdrew its request for a shortened protest period.

Accordingly, SCE hereby requests that the Commission issue a resolution on or before October 30, 2003, which finds that:

1. SCE's proposed special added facilities agreement that is a deviation to filed Form 16-308, Added Facilities Agreement – SCE Financed modifying paragraph 19 and adding paragraphs 20-23 is approved and shall be entered in SCE's List of Contracts and Deviations; and
2. SCE's proposed special added facilities agreement that is a deviation to filed Form 16-309, Added Facilities Agreement – Applicant Financed modifying paragraph 19 and adding paragraphs 20-23 is approved and shall be entered in SCE's List of Contracts and Deviations.

### **NOTICE**

Notice of Advice Letter 1751-E was made by publication in the Commission's Daily Calendar. SCE states that a copy of the Advice Letter excluding the confidential appendices was mailed and distributed in accordance with Section III-G of General Order 96-A.

## **PROTESTS**

Advice Letter 1751-E was not protested.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Energy Division staff has reviewed AL 1751-E and finds that the costs borne by Universal cover the costs of the Added Facilities. In addition, the terms and conditions of the Agreements will not cause any degradation of service to other SCE customers. The Agreements for special Added Facilities are reasonable, and they should be approved.

## **COMMENTS**

This is an uncontested matter in which the Resolution grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

## **FINDINGS**

1. SCE filed AL 1751-E requesting the following changes to its tariff schedules:
  - A special Added Facilities Agreement-SCE Financed between SCE and its customer, Universal Studios (Universal) that is a deviation from SCE's filed Form 16-308, Added Facilities Agreement – SCE Financed;
  - A special Added Facilities Agreement-Applicant Financed between SCE and Universal that is a deviation from SCE's filed Form 16-309, Added Facilities Agreement – Applicant Financed; and
  - The modification of SCE's List of Contracts and Deviations to reflect these necessary contract deviations.
2. Universal is bearing the cost of the work performed under the Added Facilities Agreements.
3. Under the terms and conditions of the Agreements, there will not be any degradation of service to other SCE customers.
4. The Agreements for special Added Facilities are reasonable, and they should be approved.

**THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Southern California Edison Company's Advice Letter 1751-E is approved.
2. This resolution is effective today.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on November 13, 2003; the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

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WILLIAM AHERN  
Executive Director